

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed waterfowl hunting changes? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Instead of putting the General Elk tags in the draw, you should make hunters choose to hunt only one species. Bull Elk or Buck Deer, not both. Also if you buy a Bull Elk Tag, or Draw a Buck Deer tag, you can't put in and draw an Antler less Elk tag.

Also:

Please make these changes to the dedicated hunter program.

Only 1 buck harvest in the 3 year period.

\$300 price for the 3 year period.

Continue with the current service project requirements.

With the deer population suffering, and tag reductions, I believe we need to make these changes to the dedicated hunter program. Dedicated hunters, should be more selective with the animals they harvest. These new requirements should appeal to those selective hunters.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 2, 2021 5:13 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I could not disagree any more than I do with putting the general season elk permits into a draw system. This is the one single over the counter big game hunting opportunity that remains in this state, and now the DWR wants to take it away because their system is insufficient and previous management decisions have put an extra strain on the permit sale system.

If the system is overloaded with people wanting permits, that is a good thing. The problem is not the demand. The problem is the system itself. If you want to reduce the strain, then you fix the system where there is the bottle-neck, not some other symptom of the actual problem. It would be a very plausible coding change to not allow anyone to login to their account on more than one device at one time. I've talked to software coders about this very thing, and they say this is very possible. There are some VERY simple fixes to the poor system the DWR uses to sell permits that would alleviate the strain on the system without having to remove the one final over the counter big game hunting opportunity we have left in this state.

Another problem I have with the proposal is that the DWR acknowledges that going to the multi-season hunt has been a contributing factor in the demand for these licenses. Another easy fix is to simply remove that option and go back to people picking their weapon of choice. If archery hunters that already have the benefit of unlimited permits switching over to multi-season permits has caused a strain on the system as was stated in the presentation, a very easy fix to that strain would be to eliminate multi-season permits. I know they are popular among a segment of hunters, but we can't continue to cater a small segment of hunters in Utah in all management decisions. That seems to be how this always works, leaving the masses holding the bag without a tag in their hand on basically every other type of hunt. Please do not take away this last remaining over the counter opportunity to hunt in Utah.

This is being presented as a trial period while they analyze data and work with the elk working group to come up with a permanent solution. Why not wait on any permanent changes until that is already done? If this "trial period" is adopted, there is no way it will ever go back to how it was. There is simply no way the Division is going to recommend giving up the application revenue they receive from this "trial period" of general season over the counter permits going into the draw.

Again, I oppose this as strongly as any proposal I have ever heard from the Division. Making general season elk permits into draw permits would be an abomination to the heritage of hunting in our state, which there is very little of that left for us.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 2, 2021 7:56 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
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big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments Eliminate the multi season elk tags and problem solved. No need for a
about the proposed changes to the big draw for general season elk tags.
game hunt drawing?

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 3:24 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Utah's big game management is deplorable! This screams money grab for more application fees. Quit prostituting our wildlife!!!!

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 6:41 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? You have already destroyed the general deer. Now your going to do it to the elk good job fish and game.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates? Strongly disagree

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 8:52 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Please don't take away what little general season hunting we have. Utah general elk already gets bad season dates compared to other western states, we don't need more hurdles

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

this creates additional fees that i don't agree to pay. the general tags in a drawing system is unfair they are fcfs meaning you get them or you don't. if you pass this i will pay no fees including access fees for the year and tally that towards the drawing fees if passed. if your having technical issues with purchasing them then sell them different ways vs making the people draw for what's rightfully theirs. it's first come first serve if you can't handle that then you need to find a provider that can.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended big game season dates?

the rifle dates make most people miss the rut for elk. which hurts the rifle hunters significantly.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I have two comments to make, the first is on the elk drawing: I know I could lose a lot of friends over this, but I don't think that conducting a general/spike bull elk draw for one year is a long enough period of time. Two things have to be assessed in this scenario: 1.) the effect on the animals (the most important), and 2.) the opinion of the public. If a ton of people put in for the draw for 2022, then they have a bad experience with the draw or on the hunt (or vice versa), then their response to that drawing wouldn't be evident until they change their application patterns for 2023, 2024, 2025, etc. You cannot accurately gauge a trend in public perception with a one-year draw. In my opinion, it should be a 3-year period MINIMUM, that a general draw is conducted. At that point you can gauge public feedback, harvest success rates, effect on populations, satisfaction with the hunt, etc. I love to hunt elk as much as the next person, but I agree that something has to be done...and there are no signs of a human population slowdown anytime soon...

My next comment is on the application timeline: You guys have already put us dedicated hunters in a pinch by changing the rules and making us complete our service hours during the first year in the program, which was previously not the case. Maybe there was a good reason for this change, I don't know because no information as to the 'why' was provided. But as it stands now, it's very difficult to find out in early/mid-May that you drew a tag for the program, and now you have to squeeze in all your service hours in only two-and-a-half months if you want a tag. Now, you're proposing that the draw notification date be even LATER, which puts us in an even tighter spot. I love the dedicated hunter program, I think it is absolutely a worthwhile program, but I really think you need to re-evaluated the strain you are putting on us to require service hours in such a short period of time, and are now proposing to shrink that time down even further.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 10:04 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I think I overall agree with this change as I understand the need to reevaluate how the permits are sold. My theory is that more spike permit and any bull permits are more popular the past two or three years are due to the cut in deer tags. Which I understand the cut in deer tags and agree with but I think if deer tags were more up where they have been in the past spike tags might not sell as much?

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Dear Valued Wildlife Management Folks,

My name is Gary Morgan and I would like to submit a public comment on the latest proposal to add the general season elk permits to the big game drawing. I am not, along with the overwhelming majority of hunters I've discussed this with, in favor of adding these permits to the big game drawing. We feel that this is the wrong direction to alleviate a problem that was created out of a response to businesses closing their doors in the spring of 2020 due to Covid. With the majority of Utahns being vaccinated and Covid numbers not affecting businesses being open anymore, I recommend that the DWR just go back to over the counter sales at licensing agents as the primary method of selling these general season elk tags, while maintaining an online site to purchase for those who either cannot physically get to a licensing agent, or are nonresident hunters that cannot simply drive to Utah to purchase a license. Many of my fellow hunters and myself are also concerned that with the addition of another revenue stream from the new application fees for these hunts, DWR will sort of "get hooked" on the new income and decide to continue charging these fees to Utahns and nonresident hunters, and then the days of true OTC elk hunting in Utah will be over. Going back to over the counter sales as a primary method of distributing tags will resolve the website clog that exists every time tags go on sale. Breaking up the spike tags from the any bull tags to go on sale was a good idea, and did alleviate some of the clog. A further recommendation from me would be that if the DWR would like to continue using the online sales system, I recommend that DWR also further break down the online sales between resident and nonresident, with those being sold on different days (with Utah residents being given preference) to help further reduce site lag and traffic to avoid overloading. I fear that every big game tag in this state will eventually become a draw system and would disrupt many annual family hunts that have become a tradition by either preventing people from getting tags or costing families even more money to pursue their outdoor passions.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Gary Morgan
Rush Valley, UT

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 10:22 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Keep general season elk permits over the counter. Upgrade your technology. By 2021 you should have your technology act together. If you move to draw you have to preplan ahead of time for spike. If you draw other tags later you may not want a spike tag and then you have one anyway.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

The systems in place are already over burdened because of high demand as there simply are not enough opportunities for those who have grown up hunting or who have enjoyed it. The high demand for the elk permits is because of lack of drawing for deer as often as not. The other trouble with going to a draw system is that they never return to open permit options. We saw this with deer and are now starting to see it with elk. This trend will continue as long as there are limited numbers of permits available. There will always be those who don't draw or who don't receive a permit for one species or another and they then complain or stop hunting because of the struggle with it the fewer permits issued the more this happens.

To the bonus point movement we are just going to further increase point creep and worsening draw odds for every one by continuing to allocate more and more permits to the 'highest point(s)' group. Increasing permits just further increases the points that will be earned in the other group(s) which then will increase the number of points needed to draw any of the permits which will then increase the numbers who have points which then causes the need to have points to draw which just in turn continues to cause those who don't have points to lose out on more opportunities to experience the hunts. Points and the point system inherently causes those who wish to hunt to have to pay more and for a longer time as we continue to award points as it takes more and more points to then be eligible. Yes rewarding those with the most points and having them taken out then opens a potential chance for someone with less to get it the next year however there are always those who are unsuccessful in the draw and in either group this just causes the points needed for a true chance to increase. We have legitimately created a lottery that only the wealthy can play for big game permits as they can continually afford to enter for everything and gain points as well as by not utilizing them for permits that are issued in areas that one may draw with isn't their first choice. Eliminating points accumulated for the same species with any drawn tag would make the odds better for the average individual as well.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 11:18 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Thank you for doing this. I hope this works out, because it will help the system maintain integrity, and not using bonus points will actually create fairness in the draw. If archery hunts begin to overwhelm elk herds though, I think it would be appropriate to move archery to a general season draw instead of OTC. We want good opportunity, but opportunity should be balanced with quality. I support this move in the right direction.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 11:39 am

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 11:44 am

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments The system works. First come first serve.
about the proposed changes to the big
game hunt drawing?

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 11:47 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed waterfowl hunting changes? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 12:24 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly agree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

The draw is what prevents my family and hundreds like mine, from being able to count on big game on the table consistently, year to year. These OTC opportunities are many peoples saving grace to make ends meet. I understand the burden it may place on the system, but I would prefer to have the opportunity after an unsuccessful draw, to wait in line for an OTC opportunity. I think your efforts should be focused on bolstering the system and not on radical changes to the entire process.

I think it is fair to assume that this "trial period" will be permanent if it is allowed to be tested for any period of time. Please do not do this to the resident hunters of this state.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I mostly agree with the recommendations. As a non-resident who has hunted the Any-Bull season in Utah the past three seasons, I was certainly frustrated with the first-come, first-served online 'queue' system.

One caveat I would suggest: instead of an entirely random draw process, allow customers the option of utilizing their existing elk bonus points (as a FIRST-choice option).

This would allow those who would 'absolutely' like to hunt Utah during the upcoming season the option of using their bonus points to greatly increase their odds of drawing a tag, as opposed to someone who is simply 'throwing their name in the hat' for a chance at a tag. The second choice (or third choice) options would then be the truly random drawings and would assign any remaining / unused tags to those with zero bonus points or those who do not wish to use their bonus points for an Any-Bull or Spike Elk tag.

This system would also assist in reducing the amount of 'point creep' which is greatly hindering the Utah draw odds (likely more than nearly every Western state).

Note: Wyoming successfully uses a similar system wherein an applicant may utilize their existing preference points for either a General Elk license (usually 2-3 points for each of the the 7,250 non-resident elk tags), or a limited-entry elk license. This revolving system greatly reduces the competition and draw odds for many of the limited-entry hunts and also allows General Elk license applicants the ability to plan their hunts accordingly on a fairly regular interval.

Thank you for your forward thinking on this matter!

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 12:44 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Changing this is a mistake. Even for 1 year. It's going to cause Utah hunters to spend their money out of state.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates? Strongly agree

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 1:48 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments Don't make over the counter tags part of the lottery. Stop selling permits
about the proposed changes to the big online until the system is expanded
game hunt drawing?

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Most importantly, do not go to a 60/40 split for maximum applicants. This only benefits people who are fortunate enough to have been part of a terrible mathematically unsustainable point system. You need to phase out the point system not lean into it harder. No simulation I have ever seen shows the point system as a positive for young and new hunters. If anything you need to stop issuing points. Everyone keeps the points they have and you decrease the ratio of max point draw to bonus point draw by 5 percent every other year. So from 50/50 to 45/55 after two years, then to 40/60 after another two years and so forth until the ratio is all bonus points. Allow people to keep their points until they are all out of the system. If you miss a year of applications you lose your points. That way they still keep their investment and keep higher odds still while increasing odds for new hunters. You could keep a small point system that will max out at 3-5 points to keep people applying every year. If you miss a year of applications you lose your points. Everyone know the point system is a mess. Every hunting application website and podcast talks down on Utah for their terrible draw odds. The only silver lining is 50 percent of the tags could go to anyone. And you want to take that away! Don't do it!

Get rid of the multi season tag for general OTC elk. It causes nothing but increased pressure and a terrible hunting experience, especially for the archery hunt. In the video you even attribute this OTC chaos to the multi-season permit. I do agree it would be valuable to hold a draw one year to gauge the interest in the Utah general tag but moving forward I think there are better options. Those options include creating a better online system to avoid panic buying. Even with the chaos the last two years, those who really paid attention and wanted a tag were able to do it.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?

Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I feel changing the general season elk hunt to a draw is absurd! I put in every year for different tags including the general season deer, which I have not drawn in the past 3 years. The general season elk is my only hunt I know I can still get if I don't draw. I personally will stop applying for Utah hunts if this happens. And know many others who feel the same way. We as Utah residents shouldn't have to put in for general season tags. It should be first come first serve. Limited entry and nonresident tags should be draws only.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

In 2020 and again this year I was out of town on the day permits went on sale. I was out of luck in 2020, but luckily for 2021 I was able to have a friend combine my purchase with his. A drawing makes so much sense given the demand. We are already used to this process for deer and many cow elk tags. On the once in a lifetime proposal, my father died in 2019 after being a max point applicant for moose for several years. He was healthy enough to hunt up until 2018 and would have loved the chance for one last moose (he lived for years in Alaska). But the competition for limited tags (even in a unit that supposedly requires landowner approval) proved to be too much and he never got the chance to hunt moose in Utah on land he owned for decades. Please allocate 60% or more to get max point holders the tags they deserve.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 2:29 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Each year it is becoming more difficult to hunt in Utah. The general any bull and spike permits give everyone an opportunity to hunt versus hoping of draw in other hunts. Those that are serious about hunting will take the time to purchase a permit. What this looks like is an opportunity to collect application fees when none have been required in the past. Please continue to allow at least one general any weapon hunt in Utah.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree with changing to a draw system for the general any bull elk and spike elk hunts for the purpose of improving the experience for obtaining a permit. Whether the system remains as is or changes to a draw system, hunters who do not obtain a permit will be unsatisfied. Hunters who really want a permit will access the current system early to obtain a permit. The hunters who wait 8-10 hours after the permits go on sale obviously weren't too concerned about obtaining a permit.

Strongly disagree with changing the ratio of max point holders from 50% to 60%.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended big game season dates?

In particular, strongly agree to accept the proposed Archery Any Bull Elk season dates of Aug 20 - Sep 21 for the 2022 season to evaluate archery elk hunter satisfaction with the addition of 5 days at the end of the season.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Don't ruin the general elk hunt the same way you did the deer hunt by making it a draw. This "one year" trial seems like a scheme to just make it permanent no matter how hunters like myself respond to this, yet another outrageous plan. Not to mention another opportunity for the DWR to charge an additional \$10/\$15 application fee.

Instead, how about leaving the normal over the counter/online system in place without the additional of any more fees. Divide the tag purchase dates up by resident any bull category, resident spike only category, and non resident any bull/spike only category. Open each of the above categories with set quotas in increments of 2 weeks so that more of a trickle effect of purchasers occurs instead of everyone log jamming the system on the same day as soon as the open time hits.

The draw for the general deer hunt is still talked about and how it ruined a good family tradition, don't allow the same thing to occur to the general elk hunt.

Bryan Whitaker
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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
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Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

It's already hard enough to get a tag for any species. Spike ek hunting is the only tag we can get as a family anymore. If you change to a draw your making it so it's almost impossible to hunt in utah anymore. Dumbest idea the utah wildlife has come up with yet.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 6:51 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly agree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments
about the proposed changes to the big
game hunt drawing?

I like that everyone has a fair chance of getting an open bull or spike elk tag. I also like the limited entry and lifetime tags being increased to max point holders to 60/40. I would even like to see the percentage go higher if you can. It would give hunters a better idea of when they might get a tag rather than some waiting a lifetime to never draw a tag. Thanks for the option to voice my opinion.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

You guys have seasoned people they get these tags every year it's a family thing I have over 20 people in my group it's like a family reunions and most of them are family that's the only time that we have to get together we used to do it on the deer hunt but you guys started making that a draw 2 so there's nothing we can do if you put these in a draw tag only we're never going to get our family reunions it'll be a lot harder to do and we love hunting together the whole all the families go out so if you do this it's the younger generation will not know what it's like to be out there with your whole family because you can only put in with four hunters that means most of your family either won't get a tag any other hat part will that is not hunting with your family but it's not showing the kids what family should be like thank you sincerely Samantha petit

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 7:53 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

As a hole DNR have decimated the deer population with the number of tags given. So people are going to the elk tag to hunt. And now your going to ruin the elk hunt. It should be first come first serve for all hunts. Hunting as a family is over because of the way the system is run. If this goes into effect, I will hunt out of state where they have a better system. You have ruined one, don't ruin the elk hunt.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 8:11 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed waterfowl hunting changes? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed waterfowl hunting changes? I feel most of the Trumpeter swans that are killed are targeted to discourage this behavior you should have a waiting period for those that kill a Trumpeter 3 to 5 years

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? I feel if the elk are included in the big game drawing preference points should also be an option out of fairness to those who do not draw

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Get rid of the multiseason tag. Your presentation showed that the multiseason tag is the sole cause of the rate at which any bull tags are being sold out. The multiseason tag gave archery hunters the opportunity to hunt with a rifle as well, this brought over thousands of additional hunters to the any bull tag pool. Instead of going to a draw for a year, I recommend that you end the multiseason tag and force hunters to choose between archery or rifle hunting - the archery hunters will go back to their archery only tags and you will see the any bull tags going back to being sold out over a month long period.

If you do decide to go forward with the drawing for elk, I would recommend automatically awarding an elk tag to anyone 60 years or older who apply. I have two reasons behind this:

1st - Generally, a 60 year old is not able to participate in archery hunting due to the physicality that comes along with using the archery equipment as well as the fact that archery hunting itself is much more physically demanding than rifle hunting. Those who do not draw a rifle elk tag and are under the age of 60 could be more physically fit and able to get into archery hunting. If you are young enough and don't draw, pick up a bow and get in shape to chase the elk.

2nd - Those 60 years or older, they are in the twilight years of their hunting careers; With each passing year, the toll of age will continue to make hunting more challenging, they should be able to enjoy the elk hunt while it lasts instead of worrying whether or not they are able to even draw a tag.

Again, I do not think taking Utah's last over the counter hunting opportunity to a draw is the answer. Stop the multiseason tag and everyone will go back to their normal areas; archery hunters will put their rifles back in their safes and go back to their archery only tags. Do this and the sale of any bull tags will take weeks to sell out like they did pre the multiseason tag.

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Which best describes your position regarding the proposed waterfowl hunting changes? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates? Strongly disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations? Strongly disagree

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 9:02 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Just fix the online system. Seem like one year will quickly become permanent.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 9:06 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments If you do this I will not be hunting Utah. I will be going to other states to
about the proposed changes to the big spend my money. At least there draw system is fare it's not like a lottery.
game hunt drawing?

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I believe that this change is being proposed to help non residents, which helps dwr financially. As a resident I went to a local store to buy my elk permit this year and had no problems other than waiting in line. While in line several people came into the store to purchase a license due to the website kicking them out.

The wildlife belongs to the state and the state needs its residents to exist, while the return initially seems higher with one tag I am likely to pay far more to our state economy through multiple hunts than one shot from non residents.

It is unlikely my comments will be addressed with honesty. But just because we can't change it doesn't mean we can't see your croanyism and dictatorship in the area of tag allocation.

Over the counter sales of elk tags are one of the last true ways to be able to get a big game tag reliably. Yes I have to take the day off work and yes I go to an actual location early to try and be one of the first in line. But it is honest.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended big game season dates?

I feel the amount of time given to archery hunts is ludicrous. When you factor in extended areas they get close to three months. Archery seasons seem to be constantly expanding. The archery hunters also do not abide by wearing orange during the other hunts. Often claiming needing every advantage they can get.

As far as extended areas are concerned there should be a requirement of doe only since the majority of the area is close to neighborhoods where the doe population is the highest.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Thanks for asking for feedback that's great to know you care. I'll be brief but to the point. I hunt with a large group of friends who now all archery hunt out of state.... why? Utah you can only hunt decent bull areas if you draw which means maybe your hunting once every 10 to 15 years for a good bull. I'd look at following how Colorado does it.... reduce spike and cow tags and only allow 4 points or larger to be harvested, this allows the population to grow plus produces more bulls. Colorado has the largest population in the country and because of that they have more areas to hunt throughout the state. The only bull areas in Utah are over crowded and terrible to hunt, this is how so many of us feel when we talk. It's hard to leave utah every year to actually be able to have a good hunt plus all the money it costs for our of state tags. So frustrating! I think the family tradition of hunting with family each year is getting destroyed and it's turned into a rich man's sport. To put it in perspective I've hunted every year for the past 7 years and have not even let an arrow fly once that entire time and neither have any of my hunting friends with other tags, not one elk harvested in Utah by any of us that entire time. Thanks for the open forum to discuss this hopefully things change for the better.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed waterfowl hunting changes? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? I think this will just make it harder to get a tag, people that would not normally buy a otc elk tag see the option while applying in the draw and go ahead and apply even though they wouldn't normally get the tag. I'd really just like to see less tags, whether that be for non residents or adult residents, I just think there is too many tags and too much hunting pressure and competition.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended big game season dates? I'd really prefer having the muzzleloader hunt start a week earlier, It would make for a lot better hunting.

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November 4, 2021 3:19 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

As a new archery hunter I believe this is a horrible idea, due to the fact that this will make it hard for the newer hunters chances of getting a tag nearly impossible. Intern This will put a bad taste in the hunters mouth and possibly turn them away from big game hunting. If it's a online buying system problem maybe we should look at upgrading the system to handle an overload.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 4, 2021 7:29 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? This idea make me so mad and I totally disagree this proposed change for an Elk tag.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I feel that this proposal is bs. We need to keep the over-the-counter sales but you should do it where 1 permit per person. I stood in line for 2 hours to get a permit & watched 1 guy buy up 20 permits for his family but he was the only 1 there. I was not the only 1 upset with this. We have to show our Drivers license so it should be where if you want a permit, you buy it yourself & not have 1 person buy them up. The rest of us are wanting to get one.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended big game season dates?

I think until there is a better elk & deer herd, we should do 1 week hunts for the year. If you get one in that time frame, you get it. If you don't, then you don't. The rules can be changed once the herd numbers are up.

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November 4, 2021 9:11 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

For those who purchase a Elk permit every year (multi season since it was offered) and never put in to a draw are being penalized. So now we have 0 points and will have our hunts taken from us.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I understand the need to manage the load while at the same time ensuring revenue for wildlife comes in. I wonder, however, if a better approach might be to decrease the number of any bull and spike tags and increase the price for both? Would that minimize the load on the system and still generate the necessary revenue?

I know the OTC elk hunt in Utah is generally seen as very tough. So having to put in for a lottery for a hunt with very low success rates seems odd.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 4, 2021 9:31 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Your charging another \$10. More money out of our pockets especially if we don't draw out. Your always asking for more money. Lower the license \$10.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 4, 2021 11:13 am

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

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November 4, 2021 11:35 am

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 4, 2021 12:22 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 4, 2021 1:39 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Being a outfitter in the area that completely will put us out of bussiness and make it harder for locals to obtain permits. I think they seriously need to do b it in days. One day for rifle, one day for muzzeloder, one day for AR here and one day for the multi season. This would help with the over crowding on site. This is a huge mistake. And there's other ways to donit besides putting it in a big game draw. We will be attending the race meeting along with every outfitter.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Moving the otc elk permits to the draw application due to "IT Issues" is a pathetic excuse for DWR to get more application fees and limit hunting in the state. The fact that this proposal is being floated shows the absolute disregard the DWR has for its customers. Instead of addressing the issue at the source (the contractor,database, etc) DWR will pass the buck to the sportsman of Utah. Absolutely ridiculous and appalling.

Adjusting the permit allocation from 50/50 to 60/40 will do nothing but limit our youth and make it harder to retain upcoming sportsman than it already is. This only benefits a select few with maximum points while decimating draw odds for every other sportsman and age group. Again, absolutely ridiculous and a slap in the face to aspiring hunters. If anything the quota for max point applicants should be reduced from 50% to 40%.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I strongly oppose the DWR proposal to move the OTC Any Bull and Spike elk tags to the Big Game Draw for the following reasons:

1. This proposal is in complete contradiction to what the DWR proposed last year. They proposed unlimited tags last year for the sake of Utah's strong family tradition of OTC hunting. Now they are proposing to move the hunt to the draw, which will thus eliminate the last OTC option in Utah and the hunt will no longer be a guaranteed family option. This completely contradicts what was proposed last year. Last year the DWR proposed to remove the quota on rifle Any Bull elk tags and make it unlimited. The reason for doing this was because the rifle bull elk hunt was the last OTC option in Utah for families to go on a general hunt together.

2. The DWR will make over \$300,000 minimum from the new application fees. Based on the complete contradiction to last year's proposal (listed above), respectfully, this really seems like a pure money grab to me. If this is all about money, I would gladly welcome an increase in price to the Any Bull elk permits and keep them OTC. Increase the price to \$75 dollars or even \$200 for the multiseason. Just don't take away the OTC option.

3. I like the OTC option because I don't have to decided until July what season of Utah general elk I will be hunting. By July I will have results from the Utah drawing and other state's big game results and in July I can then decided what season best suites my schedule to hunt the Utah general elk hunt. If it goes to a draw, you will be forced to decide your hunt in March.

4. I know there are problems with the current online system but I have always been able to get my tag the last several years because I put forth a little effort. Several friends this year were having problems with the online portal so they went to their local sporting goods store and bought their elk permit there no problem. The people complaining about the online system are not using all resources available to them.

Please oppose the proposition to move the OTC Any Bull elk hunt into the Big Game Draw. I personally support the previous proposal to make specifically the any bull elk tags unlimited. This is an easy solution to fix the database issues that the DWR is currently having on the busy permit days, because it will eliminate the busy permit days.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 4, 2021 2:00 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

The general season elk hunt in utah has been a tradition in my family for many years now and I look forward to it every year. But if this goes through who knows how often we'll get to hunt elk in utah. I believe this is a money grab with the application fees everyone will have to pay.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 4, 2021 3:11 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed waterfowl hunting changes? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? I know that our over counter elk have been an issue. Instead of doing a draw and having the \$10 application fee go to Nevada why not do a 1 year waiting period after you bought a tag. That will lower the pressure of sales by 17500 people the second year. I know something has to be done but making it a draw isn't it.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended big game season dates? I would only encourage the new deer units to be on mostly public land.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I am Totally against placing the general elk tags into a drawing. This is the last "over the counter" tag available in Utah and I don't want it to go away. The only thing putting the general elk tags into a draw will do is to make them harder to get. Once you institute a draw then you have to give points and then all of a sudden we are only getting permits every other year. The other down side for hunters is the additional \$10 application fee. We are nickeled and dimed to death as it is. Please leave the General elk permits like they are.

I do not like the idea of giving 60% of tags to high point holders. All applicants have applied under the 50/50 split since the draw was initiated and it is very fair. Changing now just penalizes the majority of hunters since the majority of hunters do not have anywhere near max points. There are way more people applying with less than max points than those that have max points. To be honest, Max point holders are not guaranteed anything. They are given a better chance to draw by since they are eligible for 50% of the tags. changing to 60% isn't going to all of a sudden make the points problem go away, but it will hurt the majority of hunters who are already only getting a chance at half the tags. If anything, the majority of tags should go to the Random draw. If you look at each individual point level. the lower point groups all have more applicants than the next higher point level. Point creep is here to stay unless we start growing more critters. fancy math and shell games do nothing.

I would also like to leave the draw system and timing the way it is. Getting Draw results mid May is great. Moving to a Hard date of May 31st makes it difficult for people that apply for other states for permits.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I don't have a problem with the elk tags going to a draw. The reason for this is because the archery permits are left over the counter and unlimited. I do think that the cost for the multi-season permit is to high though. I can still only take one animal so why am I paying three times the cost for the permit? I think the price for multi-season permits should be set at \$100 especially since we are now going to have to pay and application fee. I also to really have a problem with the tag split going to 60/40 however, I do see this as one more sacrifice that the public has to make in order to help address this issue of the growing number of high point holders. Please read my comments in regards to the CWMU proposals where I talk more clearly about my concerns.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended big game season dates?

Looks Good.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU and LOA recommendations?

Please read this and don't just brush over it because I believe this is a discussion that needs to start happening. To begin with I personally do not have any beef with the CWMU program. My family has drawn some of these tags over the years and have had both great and bad experiences. I think the program has a lot of merit. However, there has been no significant changes to the program in regards to the public/private tag split since its inception and I think it is time for a shift. As we all know there is a growing number of high point holders for limited entry hunts. The public has had to shoulder many changes to limited entry hunts to try and address this issue. Such as longer waiting periods after drawing, limited entry hunts being held on general season units, primitive weapon hunts, and now a change in the tag split between bonus and random permits. Even with all of these changes the number of high point holders in the limited entry draws continues to grow. I believe that if the CWMU folks want to continue to claim that they are an equal partner in the hunting community they need to start shouldering more of the load to address this issue.

It is not right that the first option split for buck and bull tags on CWMU's is 90/10 private public with the CWMU's getting to choose which option they want to participate in. The CWMU program allows landowners and outfitters to have access to particular tags, quantity of tags, and season dates they would not otherwise have access to if they were outside the program. Granted, we the public get access to acres we would not otherwise have access to. But if the big game in this state is a public resource and both the public and CWMU's are supposed to be equal partners then why is the first option for CWMU buck and bull tag split 90/10? I suggest that the first option split for buck and bull tags be changed to 75/25 private public permits for the CWMU program. This 15% change would not affect many CWMU's however, it would bring over 80 limited entry bull elk permits and over 150 limited entry deer permits available to the public each year and move that many applicants out of the point pool each year. I want to make it clear I am not coming at CWMU participants or operators. These folks are simply utilizing a state run program. What I am saying is that it's time for that state run program to make some changes so that the benefits of the program are more equally shared between the two supposed partners and help solve this ever growing issue of too many high point holders. I believe a discussion about this issue should be addressed in the next round of RAC meetings. Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss this issue further.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 4, 2021 3:58 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed waterfowl hunting changes?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed waterfowl hunting changes?

Nothing about current proposals.
New proposal: ban swan hunting at public shooting grounds again

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Don't put general season elk hunt into a draw.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 4, 2021 4:58 pm

**Which best describes your position
regarding the proposed waterfowl
hunting changes?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Which best describes your position
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?**

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Please Read I will start out by saying I don't have a huge issue with the recommended changes but I do have some concerns surrounding them. They are as follows.

-In regards to the OTC elk hunts going to the draw I think it would be a good way to get some hard data on demand. I'm concerned however that once they go to the draw that they will never again come back to OTC. I also think that if this is a "test" year that the fee for permits should drop to \$40 to make up for the extra \$10 that all applicants are going to have to pay as an application fee. Otherwise it seems greedy that a permit I used to pay \$50 for I now have to pay \$60 because it went to a draw.

-In regards to the moving more permits to high point holder I think its an okay idea but I still have a major unresolved issue when it comes to solving the problem of our point system and that is that nothing is being done to the CWMU program to help with the solution. I would be far more okay with the 60/40 split on the draw if there was serious talk about what could be done with the CWMU program to help solve the problem. As you probably already know (and is indicated on the next video) the majority of CWMU's are doing a 90/10 split on their buck/bull tags. Although the CWMU's have an option to do a different split ratio most of them do the 90/10 split because that is what is of most benefit to them. I should say at this point, I really and truly don't have an issue with the idea of the program. I think its great and I want it to continue. I do however believe that its time for a change. The entire hunting program of the state has been overhauled in the last decade with the exception of the CWMU program. Infact, from my understanding, the tag split for CWMU's has not been addressed since the program was implemented. The public has continued to have to change rules and programs to try to address the high point holders in the point pool. Examples are the 5 year waiting periods, the surrendering of some or all points when tags are turned in, the surrendering of points if a left over permit is bought, starting late season LE hunts on general units, ETC. All in the name of addressing high point holders. The CWMU's although part of our hunting community have not participated in solving this issue. I suggest that the minimum permit ratio for bucks/bulls on CWMU's be moved to 75/25. If this ratio was implemented in 2020 then the public would have had access to 88 MORE LE ELK PERMITS WITH 44 OF THOSE GOING TO THE HIGHEST POINT HOLDERS. They also would have seen 165 MORE LE DEER PERMITS WITH HALF OF THOSE GOING TO THE HIGHEST POINT HOLDERS. Over a 5 year period that would mean 440 more individuals taken out of the point pool for elk and 825 more individuals taken out of the point pool for deer.

I want to say again that I think the CWMU program is a great program. In the beginning land owners needed to be incentivised to be part of the program. Now, decades later with increasing demand for western trophy hunt, everyone know how much money can be made. We have an issue here with the high point holders and the CWMU program can help solve it. One of my biggest frustrations when I talk to members of the DNR about

this is when they say "well we have brought up a ratio change to the CWMU's and they don't want to change it so it probably isn't going to happen." That is a horrible answer and people should be ashamed for saying that. No kidding that the people benefitting the most don't want it to change. Bu this is a STATE DEVELOPED, STATE IMPLEMENTED, AND STATE FACILITATED PLAN THAT SHOULD CHANGE TO THE NEEDS OF THE PUBLIC. I know that land owners need to see benefit and I want them to make a whole heck of a lot of money. with a 25/75 ratio on buck/bull permits they are still getting the lions share and they are still going to make way more money and have way more opportunities to harvest trophy animals than if they weren't in the program. If they left the program they would be left to what they could draw, what they could get from the LOA and how many people they could cram onto their land in a 10 day hunt. They need to make money and the public sees a crazy amount of benefit from the program. But these CWMU'S see a SUPER CRAZY amount of benefit from a public resource. If you have read this far, I thank you. To sum up, the land owners bring their land to the table and the public brings the animals/permits. The land owners get a 3 month+ season, can hunt with rifles for most of it, get to sell permits for a premium, and have free advice and help from the state for managment and habitat. The public gets 10% of the permits that belong to them anyway, and 5 days at the discretion of the landowner. That doesn't seem all to fair for 50% of the investment. Thank you.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?

Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU and LOA recommendations?

I copied this from my comments to the video on the changes to the big game draw but they are still very applicable since they are about CWMU's:

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 4, 2021 5:05 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended big game season dates?

Please don't take our OTC elk tags. It's the only family tradition we can rely on for hunting big game in Utah. All my hunting buddies are against this. Shouldn't the public decide on this matter?

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 4, 2021 7:25 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Do not take our OTC from us. It's all we have left to take kids hunting in the woods. We don't have a lot of luck but at least it gets us out.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 4, 2021 8:31 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Utah residents always need to have the opportunity to hunt elk OTC. Cut non resident OTC tags make them draw.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Tue technology issue alone is the main reason for this which is a horrible reason. Tue technology failures are catastrophic and need to be resolved. Moving this to a draw system makes zero sense that it's due to your failing technology. Find a new contractor. You're saying your contractor can't solve this issue when amazon can handle literally hundreds of millions of page hits without. failing? I think an investigation needs to be done to see why you're still using the contractors.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 4, 2021 8:48 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Consider removing the quotas and having unlimited tags for next year as a solution instead of putting general bull elk in to the big game draw in order to have time to build up the database after the one-year trial. If the tags are unlimited it won't stress the system and the system can be upgraded and then things can be returned to the normal OTC quotas the following year.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 4, 2021 8:55 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Making these proposed changes simply because of failing technology is NOT wildlife management. It is not fair to 20,000 plus of Utah's Hunter to drastically change the tradition of the only OTC hunt in Utah because of failing technology. That is outrageous to me and definitely is not wildlife management. They need to get their technology systems up to speed so they can manage the wildlife.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 4, 2021 9:00 pm

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Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 4, 2021 9:03 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Utah needs an over the counter option for hunting in this state. Please maintain the current structure for general season elk hunting.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 4, 2021 9:56 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly agree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Which best describes your position Somewhat disagree
regarding the recommended big game
season dates?

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 4, 2021 10:09 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Making this hunt draw is a bad idea. By taking away otc tags you make it so that as a resident I could potentially not draw deer or elk in my home state. There are other ways to go about handling whatever problem it is you're facing and making this tag a draw isn't the answer. It only hurts hunters and their traditions of chasing elk every year.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I strongly oppose the DWR proposal to move the OTC Any Bull and Spike elk tags to the Big Game Draw for the following reasons:

1. This proposal is in complete contradiction to what the DWR proposed last year. They proposed unlimited tags last year for the sake of Utah's strong family tradition of OTC hunting. Now they are proposing to move the hunt to the draw, which will thus eliminate the last OTC option in Utah and the hunt will no longer be a guaranteed family option. This completely contradicts what was proposed last year. Last year the DWR proposed to remove the quota on rifle Any Bull elk tags and make it unlimited. The reason for doing this was because the rifle bull elk hunt was the last OTC option in Utah for families to go on a general hunt together.

2. If we need to make the tags harder to access to alleviate some of the logistical problems we're facing on high traffic sales days, let's raise the price and make tags less accessible that way. Taking away the Last OTC option we have in Utah doesn't seem like it will make things any better in the long run.

3. I like the OTC option because I don't have to decided until July what season of Utah general elk I will be hunting. By July I will have results from the Utah drawing and other state's big game results and in July I can then decided what season best suites my schedule to hunt the Utah general elk hunt. If it goes to a draw, you will be forced to decide your hunt in March.

4. I know there are problems with the current online system but I have always been able to get my tag the last several years because I put forth a little effort. Several friends this year were having problems with the online portal so they went to their local sporting goods store and bought their elk permit there no problem. The people complaining about the online system are not using all resources available to them.

Please oppose the proposition to move the OTC Any Bull elk hunt into the Big Game Draw. I personally support the previous proposal to make specifically the any bull elk tags unlimited. This is an easy solution to fix the database issues that the DWR is currently having on the busy permit days, because it will eliminate the busy permit days.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I strongly oppose the DWR proposal to move the OTC Any Bull and Spike elk tags to the Big Game Draw for the following reasons:

1. This proposal is in complete contradiction to what the DWR proposed last year. They proposed unlimited tags last year for the sake of Utah's strong family tradition of OTC hunting. Now they are proposing to move the hunt to the draw, which will thus eliminate the last OTC option in Utah and the hunt will no longer be a guaranteed family option. This completely contradicts what was proposed last year. Last year the DWR proposed to remove the quota on rifle Any Bull elk tags and make it unlimited. The reason for doing this was because the rifle bull elk hunt was the last OTC option in Utah for families to go on a general hunt together.

2. The DWR will make over \$300,000 minimum from the new application fees. Based on the complete contradiction to last year's proposal (listed above), respectfully, this really seems like a pure money grab to me. If this is all about money, I would gladly welcome an increase in price to the Any Bull elk permits and keep them OTC. Increase the price to \$75 dollars or even \$200 for the multiseason. Just don't take away the OTC option.

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4. I know there are problems with the current online system but I have always been able to get my tag the last several years because I put forth a little effort. Several friends this year were having problems with the online portal so they went to their local sporting goods store and bought their elk permit there no problem. The people complaining about the online system are not using all resources available to them.

Please oppose the proposition to move the OTC Any Bull elk hunt into the Big Game Draw.

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November 4, 2021 10:53 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments I don't like the idea of getting rid of OTC opportunities.
about the proposed changes to the big
game hunt drawing?

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Please keep general elk tags OUT of the draw. This is the last OTC big game hunt in Utah. It will never come back to OTC if we go this route. And it results in not cost (application fees) for hunters. Plus, points for general elk would be next, which I would hate to see!

Coupled with this would be my request to eliminate the multi-season tag option. And I selfishly LOVE this tag. BUT, demand boomed when this was put in place, with our without covid. Separate the seasons again and make someone choose only 1. This will help to soften some demand on the "rush" to get tags that first day. Finally, the DWR obviously needs to upgrade their system. It's a joke they cannot handle 1 day where 30,000 people are trying to participate on the same morning.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 5, 2021 11:39 am

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Dear Wildlife Board-

Pertaining to the recommendation to move general elk to a draw period, I STRONGLY disagree. Here are reasons:

- 1) This hunt (other than archery elk) is the last OTC opportunity for hunters in the state. This should not be overlooked!
- 2) The rationale of using 2020 and 2021 data as "proof" that a draw is needed is severely flawed. Both years were heavily influenced by COVID mentality and all the craziness that was seen nationwide. Data from these two years ARE NOT representative of the historic data. Even going back to 2018 and 2019 it took DAYS for the available permits to be sold out. To me, this is plenty of time for hunters to obtain a tag if they want one.
- 3) If the DWR is having issues with its servers in handling traffic, then this should be fixed! DWRs lack of an up to date, viable computer system for the obtaining of permit IS NOT reason to move to a draw system. Why push DWRs problem onto the backs of the public hunter? Fix the system!
- 4) With respect to the above mentioned computer system, insert code that only allows a user to get on from one device. This, in and of itself, will substantially lessen demand on the system. I personally know multiple hunters that are using multiple devices to try and "guarantee" that they will get a tag. While I applaud their ingenuity, all the DWR has to do to level the playing field is to restrict access to one device. This is an easy solution.
- 5) Another reason to NOT go to a draw is the additional \$10 or \$15 fee that will be required to enter the draw. Hunters are TIRED of being nickel and dimed for everything. Stop adding additional fees!
- 6) If DWR is going to charge fees, then why are non-residents reaping the benefits of Utah's residents paying higher application or tag fees? If you look around the west, non-residents are often charge 2-5 times more to apply for hunts and 8-10 times for tag fees if they draw a tag. Why is Utah so "accomadating" to non-residents? Charge non-residents more for application and tag fees! When other states are charging Utah residents more to apply and hunt, why is Utah not doing the same? I would be all for lowering fees accross the board if other States would do the same thing, but until that day, stop giving away Utah's resources for pennies on the dollar to non-residents.

With respect to the proposal to move LE tags to a 60/40 split:

- 1) LE tag allocations should remain the same at 50/50 and NOT 60/40! The 50/50 split is a fair allocation of available LE tags. It gives those with more years in the system a higher chance of drawing an LE tag while allowing an even chance for the other 50% to draw a coveted tag. Stop manipulating the rules to whatever flavor rules the day. Stay the course. LE tag allocation should remain 50/50.

I implore you to listen to the public at large. I don't know where this proposal for a draw came from, but I assure you that the general public hunter does not agree. We want fair and open access to hunt - no

restrictions upon restrictions, and face it with a draw, preference points, etc., all it leads to is more and more restrictions. We are not to that point and this proposal should go the way of the Dodo bird.

Thank you for your time and consideration-
Mike

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 5, 2021 12:40 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments I would much rather have less elk tags sold yearly. I would be happy with
about the proposed changes to the big only hunting elk every other year and have less hunters to contend with.
game hunt drawing?

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I agree with putting the General Multi-season, Muzzleloader, and Any-Legal-Weapon Any Bull Elk tags into the draw. I have always thought that those tags should be in the draw instead of "first come first serve" as it gives a more equal opportunity for people to get one of those tags by having them as part of the draw. I would recommend keeping it in the draw and having it part of the preference/bonus point system instead of a 100% lottery. I'm also all for keeping the General Season Archery Elk tags out of the draw, keeping them OTC since there is no quota on the archery tags.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates? Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended big game season dates?

My comments don't have to deal directly with what was talked about in the video. Since there are recommended boundary changes in this presentation, I would like to bring up a boundary change I would like to see for the extended archery elk. Currently, the Wasatch Front unit for extended archery elk does not include area's that I believe would be beneficial to include. I would like to see the Morgan valley and some of the areas south of there included in the Wasatch Front extended unit. My proposed boundary change would be to extend the boundary line following I-84 from the current boundary line South to HWY 66, following HWY 66 South to HWY 65 and then follow HWY 65 South to the current boundary line. I know several people in Morgan that would probably allow a hunter or 2 to hunt their property for elk during the extended archery season. There is also plenty of public/state lands within that proposed boundary as well that hold elk.

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November 5, 2021 1:57 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

People need to wait in line like myself or others or be patient with their on line purchases. Also you have several months to fix the computer problems! I think you could accomplish that if you really want to!!!

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

System limitations are a weak reason for going to an elk draw. You've had 2 years to fix the system now plenty of time.

The multi-season elk tags are causing a significant increase in demand for the general allotment of tags, Bull and Spike. In years past most of these folks would have just bought an archery tag (unlimited), but now they are encouraged to buy multi-season which comes out of the general allotment of tags (limited). Maybe multiseason should go to draw and leave ALW Bull and Spike as OTC.

Another idea is to leave Bull and Spike as OTC for residents, but move non-residents to a draw. I have to think that would greatly reduce the demand on the system.

Another idea is to sell the spike tags and bull tags on separate days. You'd effectively be splitting demand on the system in half.

There are many ways to lower demand on the system. Ultimately I don't think that is the driving force behind this proposal, rather, it is a way to get more \$ and move general elk permits to a draw PERMANENTLY. We don't want that. These should remain OTC, this allows those who come first to be served first.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

First of all I do not agree with the proposed changes to the elk hunts. The one thing I do like is that it continues to let the youth hunt and they automatically draw out, this is important to me since I have three boys starting to hunt and this will continue to give them that opportunity, however, they have that opportunity in the current system, so the rule could stay the same. But putting the over the counter elk tags in a drawing is a big mistake, from the outside it looks like a big money grab. I also disagree because the serious hunters that plan ahead and know when the tags go on sale get tags and I haven't ever had any problems with the system crashing, or getting a tag that I wanted. It's my opinion that a lot of the tags in a drawing will go to waste because a lot of people in the drawing are not 100 percent committed, and when it comes down to it, they will not hunt. And then someone that would love to hunt will be stuck at home. I have a lot more opinions but those are the few I will share

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 5, 2021 4:03 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Some of the earliest memories that I have involve hunting. I have been hunting since I can remember. Now I know I was too young to hunt when I was little. But hunting for my family is also about family time. Now I can remember hiking with my grandfather in the woods, I learned many things from that man about how to hunt. I also remember sitting and watching a field with my grandmother, she also was able to provide much needed knowledge regarding hunting, and those memories are memories I carry with me and now am teaching to my sons. Now I bring up these memories because as we well know the hunter is a dying breed. The generation that taught my parents to hunt, and encouraged our family to continue hunting is no longer with my family. The DWR knows this and that is why over the most recent years they have decreased the hunting age from 14 to 12, as well as made it possible for the youth to hunt with another hunter using the mentor program.

Now these programs were introduced to get the youth, which is our future involved, interested, and wanting to continue hunting. I can remember since I was in kindergarten going up to Elk camp which is what my family called our camp that we had when my father and uncle were hunting elk. I remember the excitement as a young child to hear and feel involved in the hunting that was going on. This tradition has carried on now to my children and I. As well as my brothers and their children. I have eager nieces and nephews that cannot wait until they are old enough to go out on the hike for the elk hunt. So the point that I am trying to make is that hunting is not just about hunting, but it is also about family, family time, and the opportunity to teach our youth how to become even better hunters than we are ourselves. Now I remember when the General Deer season went to a draw, and I will tell you that hunting deer, has never been the same. This is due to my family and I not all being able to have tags to be able to go out and hunt together. This has divided our family and therefore caused some disinterest from the younger of us in participating in hunting. So now the DWR proposes that the general elk tag go to a "temporary" draw. This will therefore divide families from being able to participate in hunting together and therefore continue to deter the youth from participating in the sport of hunting. This "temporary draw" is restrictive and as sad as it is true we all know the temporary draw will eventually become a draw, just as the DWR has made the deer hunt. Therefore I would like to state that I strongly disagree with the idea of the general bull elk hunt being turned into a drawing system. The system of drawing is limiting, deterring, and it is not helping in allowing families and their youth to participate in the sport of hunting. The DWR is concerned regarding involving the youth in hunting and has implemented programs to encourage the involvement of youth as I have mentioned above. However now they seek to make it even more limiting in order to obtain a hunting permit? I see a never ending vicious cycle where the circle is getting getting smaller and smaller and has no end in site if hunting permits continue to be limited. Now I watched the video and I do understand that there are issues with the way that purchasing a General Bull Elk tag is done on the website. I understand the increasing demand is visibly there, but I do not think the answer is making the General

Bull Elk tag a drawing.

I would suggest alternative ways of handling this situation. Such as dividing the times the General bull archery, muzzleloader, and any legal weapon open up. Rather than having them all open on the same day, divide these up. Therefore those of us interested in one or the other will be able to know the date that it is open to purchase and can our chance to purchase the hunt that we would like to participate in.

Another solution to the chaos that I would propose would be to divide the youth age tags and the adult tags purchase days into different days. Both of these options will allow for less people to be accessing the website, and less wide spread use for all the hunters to be accessing the website.

I do think there are other solutions available to us all. I believe that we as hunters should be able to come up with a better solution than this proposed "temporary" drawing of the General Bull Elk permits.

Thank you for your time in reading this.

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November 5, 2021 4:59 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed waterfowl hunting changes? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 5, 2021 7:57 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly agree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments I think it would take pressure off of everyone to change general elk to a
about the proposed changes to the big draw.
game hunt drawing?

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

If we have a supply and demand problem why are we selling multi season spike tags? It seems like a no brainer. When that tag was created several years ago it's said purpose was to increase hunters opportunities. Now it appears as though it is going to do just the opposite. I don't like the idea of being cheated of my opportunity to hunt one season so others can hunt all 3. That's not right. I wouldn't have a problem with that tag if we had excess supply, but it appears as though we are no longer in that boat. Make hunters pick one season and hunt it. More tags could be issued and more people would have the opportunity to enjoy a hunt with their families. I hope my comment makes sense and doesn't fall on unwilling ears. If you need any clarification please feel free to contact me. Thanks for the opportunity to voice my opinion and concerns.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 5, 2021 10:56 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

This is the last tag we can buy over the counter and the last option we have to guarantee we can hunt with our family and friends. It's hard not to be syndical and feel like you are doing this just for the added revenue via application fees. We already pay an extra \$10 per species already, as if inflation isn't killing us as it is. I believe most hunters will not want this but I bet you do it for the money anyway!

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Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Another benefit of this change is that it will simplify to overall number of application dates. I follow things closely, but it has been difficult for many people to keep track sale dates for any-bull and spike- bull tags and be available to sit at computer or store to purchase tags before they sell out. It was a confusing system that did not serve all hunters well.

I also support the 60/40 tag allocation change.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I really do not see the problem that the General Season Elk tags sell out so quickly. It is not a big deal to be ready to purchase right when they go on sale. I would think that there are measures that could be taken to make sure that your system can handle the volume. I believe that you should leave it as is, first come first serve. I have been hunting elk every year for about 30 years and have enjoyed every minute of it. But now with the proposed changes, it will very likely be every other or every third year. At my age, I'll be lucky to have another decade of elk hunting and this proposal will likely cut my hunting opportunity in half. I really hope that you will leave it as is.

Thanks

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I propose doing away with the multi season elk tags. The system seemed to be working fine before they were offered. I think covid has had an impact, but I think the real driver of the popularity has been the multi season tag. I realize this may not be a popular choice and it will cause a loss in revenue, but my satisfaction has taken a dip due to more people in the field and overcrowding. I have done the muzzleloader spike hunt for years, and now I feel it is becoming too crowded. I also feel there will be less spikes survive the hunts and the limited entry bulls will suffer as a result. The average age of the bulls harvested will decline and as a result smaller bulls will only be available. Thank you for considering this input

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I would like to keep the general season tags separate from the limited entry drawing, because it provides a much later date. Hunters are more likely to know their schedules in July, and whether or not they will be able to hunt that year. If they are having to apply for the general season in April, I feel that a larger number of people will apply "just in case". I don't think this will actually help "gauge interest" as stated in the informational video.

While it may help with the database being overloaded, I believe finding a solution to the database would be a better use of our time. Also, it was mentioned that some users are accessing the site from multiple devices. Can't we find a way to only allow one sign-in at a time?

Lastly, I see that it will bring in an additional \$10 per resident that applies, so this will raise money, but man, this is a slippery slope. This year there are no points associated with it, but what about in 5 years when you need another \$10/resident? Point creep is real, and I would hate to see the general seasons affected by the point system as well. We need to protect the few equal opportunities we have left.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 7, 2021 9:54 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Adding ten percent to the max-point pool sounds good in theory, but there will never be enough tags to tip the scales like suggested. Please, please keep the tag allocation at 50-50, as that is the only way the "rest of us" even stand a chance of drawing.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

If we are 'solely' addressing the online sales system failing: allotting a set amount of tags to purchase in person for residents during a set time frame, then having any leftover/non resident tags online after a set amount of time.

I can see the rationale for revenue with the proposal, I just can't agree with it at this time. Especially considering the one year cycle and vague details about evaluating it. I would specifically like to know the parameters that would lead to future decisions based on this proposal (e.g.- at 20,000+ any bull applicants, we are thinking 'x' OR there are 10,000+ nonresident applicants, so we are thinking 'y').

Very uncomfortable with the proposal's next steps more than the proposal itself. Please be more transparent.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Are the odds for non-residents going to be the same as the odds for residents to draw a general elk tag? I think the quota for non residents needs to be much lower than residents and the license fee needs to be comparable to Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming which is around \$800-\$900 for Tag and License to hunt general elk. I think there have been way too many elk tags given out for the general bull compared to how many elk are actually on the "General Unit areas" during the hunt. There are way more elk on private land and CWMU hunts than there are on the general units. The general units are a small area compared to how many tags are given out. I would like to see the CWMU tags increased to help spread the pressure out a little across the Northern part of the state. I'm worried that my kids won't be able to chase elk in 20 years unless they have thousands of dollars to purchase a CWMU tag. I personally have been hunting Idaho and Wyoming the past couple years because the Utah General hunt has been so poor. The three season tag has put a tremendous amount of pressure on elk and everyone I talk to sees a lot more hunters than elk on both the archery and rifle seasons. I think the decision on tag numbers and draw hunts needs to be based off of helping elk populations thrive and not on the State reaching their budget goal from hunter's dollars. To me, the increase in tags the last few years is just to make more money for the state and has not been in the best interest of elk herds and the hunters in this state. I would rather hunt elk every other year or every third year if it meant I had a more quality hunt. I think hunters should have to pick their season and there should be less rifle tags given out than archery tags. That's what Idaho does and their general elk hunts are way better than Utah's right now.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Having the spike bull any legal weapon hunt as a draw would take away the chance of obtaining a tag every hunting season for those who do not hunt archery. I feel this would turn into the general deer hunt on how difficult it is to obtain a tag there. Instead of having the opportunity to purchase an spike elk tag every season we are going to be limited to a chance every other year or sometimes longer in obtaining a tag. This is the only hunt that I get to go on with my kids where we can all have a tag to hunt.

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November 8, 2021 12:25 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Do not put the general elk permits into a draw system. We need to have the opportunity to get a permit over the counter. Keep it the way it is and see how it plays out for a few more years.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Moving the Bull elk permits to a drawing will have the effect of breaking up what has typically been a way for families and friends to organize and plan for a hunting opportunity. There is a great deal of planning and anticipation that is involved and almost guarantees that some family members and friends will be left out.

Being an older hunter I don't know how many hunts I have left and the current system at least allows me to get in the queue early for the limited number of permits.

DWR already knows the details of this situation and moving to a drawing doesn't seem to provide any additional data for study.

Decisions have been made based on the current system like buying five year combo permits specifically to get the elk tag. If the elk tag isn't drawn the combo permits are not used and dollars wasted.

Thank you for this forum

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 8, 2021 6:31 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU and LOA recommendations?

I would be very disappointed to see the elk hunt go to a draw system. We love to hunt as a family and it is much safer for my father and grandfather to have my brother and me present for the hunt. Were we to not all be able to go, those who did draw may not be able to feel confident about their ability to safely harvest an animal. Applying as a group is not an adequate solution to this issue as our draw odds would be tanked. The current system has worked well for me.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I typically have three computers up and running when the general any bull elk tags go live because I know the system is going to crash and when it does I want to leverage my position in the virtual line. I love the challenge, but would rather leave my luck to the draw than a broken licensing system if I got a preference point.

As a bow hunter primarily, I am okay if I don't get an any bull tag in the draw. We all know these beta experiments never cancel out and almost always become the new status quo. Just say it how it is, "we need to go to a draw because our computer can't handle all the attention." This has been a know problem for years and the excuse is wearing thin.

I would also split up the allocation of multiseason elk, rifle, and muzzleloader permits. Pulling them from the same jar of permits makes it look like the DWR only cares about money and not the customer experience on the mountain. I love the multiseason, but the mountain is more crowded every year as more people pay the extra \$100 now that so many of us "work" from home. I am just as guilty as anyone else and saw 15 days hunting elk this season and never took a shot even though I did find a big 5x6 during archery season during the extra days (thank you for those extra days).

You should start a preference point system for anybull and spike in the draw. This won't last just one year. Hunters are already furious about paying \$10 to apply in the draw, why not rip off the bandaid.

Bonus points: I oppose increasing the percentage of permits allocated to maximum point applicants. I would much rather see utah switch to a bonus points squared system like Nevada. This is coming from someone with 21 limited entry elk points and 19 points for mountain goats. I don't expect to draw for several more years and the point creep is worse than ever. Our bonus point system is broken and this 10% change is a nice gesture, but is not actually going to solve anything long-term.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 9, 2021 8:58 am

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I strongly disagree with moving the general season elk hunt to the drawing, I disagree because I have always loved the idea of having an over the counter hunting tag that I can secure myself each year in the event that I didn't draw any other tags, let's be honest, any body that truly wants one of these tags can easily guarantee themselves to get one, there are a few who are slackers and wait til after they sell out, but they obviously didn't care to have one that bad. If we put it into the draw, it will make it hard for the people who actually want the tags too get one.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended big game season dates?

I understand the concept of it but I think it should be a set date each year and not a day of the week, I also think these hunts should be shortened to reduce harvest in hopes it will slightly help our deer herds.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 9, 2021 5:02 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

This idea and attempt by the board to change the draw rules for Utah Elk hunters is both concerning and disheartening. Last years it was proposed that there be unlimited amounts of elk tags available to quote "get more families put hunting." Now, the members are wanting to take the exact opposite approach and instead limit and privatize hunting in Utah more than it already is. I strongly vote against this idea and think it is irritating, irresponsible and is quite frankly a decision that will negatively impact Utah Elk hunting and its future. If you wish for further input and explanation I am happy to give it; but, I think it is clear where I stand...strongly against your irresponsible and somewhat joke of an idea to make elk hunting a draw here in Utah.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?

Neither agree nor disagree

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 9, 2021 6:39 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? I disagree with this proposal and say to just go to single season tags over the counter. And do a draw for the multi season tags. For the general unit hunts.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 9, 2021 6:41 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

General season elk permits should be sold over the counter only for Utah residents. No need for a draw on this. That prevents overwhelming the DWR system.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 9, 2021 6:50 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 9, 2021 6:59 pm

Which best describes your position Somewhat agree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 9, 2021 7:03 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? It sounds like a bait and switch. It has nothing to do with the wildlife only the sales process.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

While I agree a change needs to be made as the Elk OTC process is painful due to website traffic. However, I do disagree on putting the OTC elk permits in the draw for numerous reasons; 1. Draw fee. Yes it's only \$10 but as hunters we already pay enough for a permit as well as funnel vast amounts of money into our locals economy. 2. There is a fear that going this proposed route with significantly increase the amount of hunters during the any legal weapon General season hunt. As some areas are already stressing or over hunter population this could make for critical issues for hunters and elk population.

As of late we have noticed a decline in quality bull elk, too many spikes are being killed before they have a chance to grow and increase the bull population. It could be a very good idea to get rid of the spike only tag and go 3-point or better. This could bolster bull populations and increase the likelihood of quality bulls.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?

Somewhat agree

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 9, 2021 7:17 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly agree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Which best describes your position Somewhat agree
regarding the recommended big game
season dates?

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I am totally against putting the General Season Elk permits into the draw! It should stay a first come first serve! You should change who does your drawing if they can't handle the traffic! I know it can be done because concerts sell out in hours with more tickets than you offer permits with no issues.

I would be in favor of a 75/25 split for max point holders. They have put in the time and need to be moved through the system. I also think we should make once in a lifetime points good for any once in a lifetime species and not be used for a specific species. At the rate we are going most will only get to hunt 1 once in a lifetime hunt in their lifetime, we should have to be locked into a specific species one we begin accruing points.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I'm afraid this won't be a one year deal and that the draw for the general elk hunt will be the new normal. Sounds like it isn't about management; rather, a technology problem for the change. There has to be another solution to this problem. Whatever you choose, don't make it harder for residents to hunt in their own state. Limit non resident tags, or move them to a draw. You can also do away with unlimited youth tags. Bottom line, this isn't about elk management so this problem should be able to be solved.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 9, 2021 7:31 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Do not make the general elk tags a draw!! End the spike only units make them any bull units to spread the amount of people hammering the any bull units. The new idea with the application fee looks like a cash grab more than anything.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended big game season dates?

I like the time frame for the archery elk

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 9, 2021 7:35 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU and LOA recommendations? Get rid of the CWMU program. It only supports outfitters and big money.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 9, 2021 7:40 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments Do not agree with this.
about the proposed changes to the big
game hunt drawing?

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

From what it sounds like you may not obtain a tag if you are not chosen in the draw. It also has a loop hole where youth permits will be unlimited. Who is going to verify that the shooter was actually a youth. I agree that some changes need to be made! There is a lot of interest and pressure on the Elk hearts. I have hunted for the last 16 years in Utah on the Elk hunts. I have seen a large decline in Elk populations in our State. It is Rare to see more than 7 to 15 Elk grouped up now! I used to see herds of 30 to 70 regularly. So they have either moved to private lands or we have taken more than is healthy. I am for regulation and conservation. Maybe sell permits by alphabetical rotation. So that hunters could hunt every other year. Then sell a number of permits that will let the herds increase in numbers. Thanks for listening.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I agree to 60/40 Max points allocation change.
Regarding Elk drawing, you should fix your online system. The antiquated system is the problem. You previously suggested unlimited tags, now this. The dept is coming across unprofessionally, to be sure. Fix your online system. Please don't take away our last general otc big game rifle hunt. Other websites can handle this much traffic. Fix your system. That is the problem and everyone knows this to be true. Thanks for listening!

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Been putting in for limited entry elk for over 35 years total even before the current system was in place. I still have not drawn a limited entry elk tag... Seems I don't have the luck of the draw per say when I know others who have drawn multiple times for limit entry elk tags... I just see this as another way to complicate the system and for guys like myself who don't have a lucky streak here in Utah just another reason to quit hunting in this state all together.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 9, 2021 9:44 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed waterfowl hunting changes? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Somewhat disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates? Neither agree nor disagree

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 9, 2021 9:50 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Less cow tags please. The control cow has really lessened the areas I go. Shorter cow tag time frames. 5 months is way too long and shouldn't be during peoples limited entry deer hunts also. I do like the idea if more max points recieving their tags.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 10, 2021 5:24 am

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 10, 2021 9:30 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

If you want to do something for Utah hunters, cut the number of non-resident tags. I don't know of anyone who was in a panic and not able to get an OTC elk tag. If a person wants to get off their butt and go to Walmart, they are readily available.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

1. Fire your contractor who can't seem to provide a system that can handle the load on your system and find a new one. They haven't delivered for two years in a row and that makes you look bad, when it's a simple solution of just redirecting traffic to a 3rd party for the one day. Ticketing companies do this all the time for concerts that are popular without a hitch. You just pay for them to provide the service and increase the Application cost to make sure it will cover that cost load that occurs in the first few hours of the Application date.

2. Leave it to 50% for the max point holders, that's the risk of a point system, no change needed.

If you need a contact for a system to direct your traffic to for the one day spike in applicants, let me know. I know plenty of folks in the IT industry and happy to point you in the right direction.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 10, 2021 2:17 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments Everything doesn't need to be a draw, leave this as first come first served.
about the proposed changes to the big
game hunt drawing?

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 10, 2021 6:56 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

This is the stupidest idea. It is already B.S. the deer is a draw. Some of us get permits every year so we can put meat on the table for our families. I have talked to a lot of hunters from the city and I have also seen where they are only after the head and antlers and waste the meat. It is going to make it hard for us to get meat every year because we won't draw out.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

The whole point of the general season OTC tags was to be able to get families out hunting together, without having to wait for a draw tag, which was the DWRs reasoning on why they did the OTC tags. Now, yall are going back on your own decisions because your sales system sucks?? Well, look back over the past 5 years. We've only sold out due to the past 2 years of online buying because you've hired inadequate developers to create the sales system. Go back to the stand in line OTC days and we wont have this issue. Also, the multi season tag is probably the dumbest thing that could have ever passed. I am an outfitter in this state, and guarantee I spend more time on the mountain then most biologists, dwr officers, dwr and dnr administration, etc. I see the herds, I see the biologists doing herd surveys. We have elk, but they have learned to adapt and overcome. Most hunters in this state road hunt, so when they complain about not seeing animals, it's because they are to lazy to go for a hike. These proposed changes are about as senseless as the biased child support rule that the dwr, ORS and the Legislator came up with. The DWR should be a trusting source where hunters can feel a sense of caring and public service. All you've managed to do is turn half the hunters against the division, and the other half thinking your money hungry.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?

Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Raise the tag prices!!! If elk tags are raised to \$100 put \$50 of that directly into elk habitat restoration. Consider getting rid of the three season elk permit, or just have a fraction of the three season for the draw, and those who apply aren't eligible to buy over the counter.

Also change the muzzleloader hunt back to primitive, no scope. Then we can do 60/40 for the max points, that would help put the muzzleloader max points lower like they used to be. All in all it's a slippery slope and no matter what there will be cry babies, keep up the good work.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Well I spent about an hour typing a very long response, but deleted it. The ramblings of a life long resident and hunter, simply won't change things back to the days before all this mess! Without going back through the past twenty plus years of Utah's DWR, and figuring out what led us to this point, it's impossible for me to offer any seemly intelligent opinion on a probable solution moving forward. I do believe however, that continuing to do more of the same, will likely make hunting worse, and could eventually eliminate peoples willingness to hunt all together... It's almost not worse the hassle as it is! The truth of the matter is that it's taken decades to get where we are now, and proposing another "trial" adjustment simply won't do anything about fixing the overall problem. The impression I get from watching the video, is that the goal is to simply make somebody's job easier, rather than tackle the real problem. And of course there's the added bonus of increasing revenue... It's a win win for DWR, but seems like a loose loose for the rest of us? I guess the several thousand I spend hunting each year, if I even draw, can be spent going to Hawaii...

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 11, 2021 5:30 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Keep the max point split 50/50

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU and LOA recommendations? Keep up the great work I love the cwmu program

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

The huge increase in demand for elk tags over the past few years is primarily due to the multi season tags. The DWR has not even acknowledged that this is what changed the demand. Now most of us archery hunters are buying multi season tags because we can greatly increasing the demand for the limited number of rifle and muzzleloader tags. A better solution would be to move towards an elk dedicated hunter like program increasing the cost/commitment to those who want multi season tags leaving many more tags for the weekend warrior hunters who aren't willing to put more skin in the game. I would propose the same program as deer but without the 2 animal harvest limit since elk harvest success is already very low.

For next year please do not go to a draw application for general season tags. There are still enough tags for everyone to get them that is committed enough to buy them early. If needed try limiting the number of multi season permits in the future. If you do approve a draw for general season please do not include the archery permits as they are unlimited and we should not be charged an application fee. Also if you do go to a draw please start issuing preference points for rifle and muzzleloader including multi season tags as they include both. Please do not include archery in the preference point system as they are once again unlimited and hunters should not loose their points to buy archery in the years they don't draw.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended big game season dates?

Thank you for offering the 5 day archery elk extension and I ask that it continue in the future. It was not a problem to overlap the youth any bull. I would propose that the archery hunt be extended for the full dates of the youth any bull hunt bringing Utah more in line with neighboring states where general archery elk hunts extend through the full month of September.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU and LOA recommendations?

Please shorten the season dates for CWMU hunts. It is not right that they can hunt so late in the season when the elk and deer have moved off of public land in their normal migration to the private lands. This is essentially giving tons of private land animals to the CWMU as if the public lands were included. The dates for CWMU hunts should more closely match the general season and limited entry season dates.

Also, CWMU's should not include any public lands. This is taking away access from the general public. CWMU's should only include private lands.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 11, 2021 11:06 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I disagree with the any bull otc hunt going to a draw. I'm afraid that once it goes to a draw it will never go back to OTC. I do not want to lose out on our last OTC big game hunt in Utah.

I would rather see the permits go to unlimited and add the limited entry units proposed last year to the any bull units.

I have really enjoyed the any bull hunt each year and would hate to see it go to a draw

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

The elk tags did not have a problem selling out quick until the multi-season tags were implemented. People that were only interested in muzzleload or archery hunting started buying these tags and word spread. Then EVERYONE wa trying for them.. Hense the quick sells.. If we must keep these multi-season tags let's make them part of the draw, and leave the general single season tags alone. Many people (myself included) wait until after the draw to determine whether or not to get an elk tag and which one to get. Making them all part of the draw will leave many more people without the yearly tradition of family time putting meat in the freezer.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended big game season dates?

CWD seems to more and more of a reason to sell more permits, get rid of more deer and make more revenue. Each year I hear of less and less people's deer testing positive. The division says its the opposite. One is wrong and only one is also making money off of it. So it raises questions. Just one humble dedicated hunters position.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

This is not right so now you want the elk hunt to be on a draw basis you know as well as i do theres no trial period once it's a draw it will always be that way just like the deer hunt so now we will only get to hunt every 2or 3years maybe what a bunch of crap in my eyes the only thing you guys care about is the money application fees you could care less about your resident hunters in my eyes if you want an elk tag get your but out of bed early the day they go on sale and buy one like the rest of us do plan ahead to get it done as far as your system goes looks like some people are crying about having to do there jobs 1 or 2 days a year keep loosing hunters and you will have no income

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 12, 2021 9:52 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I am all for the 60/40 split. As far as the otc spike tags, make them a drawing as well and do a little work to determine permit numbers by unit, not have a free for all go where ever you want statewide. The herds within a 2 hour drive of the big metropolitan areas can only take so much! Or is the plan to destroy the elk herds by the over issuance of tags like you've done to the deer herds?

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 12, 2021 11:02 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Stop screwing over hunters. The last thing we need is another application fee. Just split when the tags go on sale. Spike can go on sale on a different date than any bull and you will cut your traffic down. You can also put the youth tags on a different date. Find solutions that don't add costs to your customers, but show an ability to think and react.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 12, 2021 11:06 am

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

The only change I would like to see changed on OTC tag sales is to have them go on sale on a Saturday at 9:00 am. This would help a lot of hunters that have careers that don't allow them to be on their phone or computer all day during working hours.

I am strongly opposed to the proposed 60/40 split for Limited Entry and Lifetime Big game tags. Keeping half of the allotted tags to random draw still gives those that are not a max point holder more of a chance than a 60/40 draw. Even if the draw was a 90/10 split our children just getting into hunting will never be a max point holder with the current point creep in certain species draws. Changes to the current 5 year waiting period could have more of an effect on point creep rather than switching to a 60/40 split.

Last year in Utah 56,078 residents applied for 2756 Limited Entry Elk Tags, 38,943 residents applied for 1,367 Limited Entry Deer Tags, and 8,517 residents applied for 1090 Limited Entry Pronghorn Tags. That's 103,538 residents applying for 5,213 Limited Entry Tags. Right now, if you draw a Limited Entry Big Game Tag you are not eligible to apply for that tag again for 5 years. Typically, after a hunter draws one of these tags they then switch to a different limited entry species the following year. If this was changed to if you draw a Limited Entry tag you cannot apply for ANY Limited Entry tag for 5 years, with 2021 tag numbers, this would take 26,065 residents out of the Limited Entry draw over a 5-year time frame. This should also be considered for Lifetime tags as well. This new 5 year waiting period would be one the biggest things you could do to help combat point creep.

Additionally, if DWR has concerns about loss of revenue due to decrease in application fees from this new 5 year waiting period, I recommend changes to hunting licenses. Right now a hunting license is good for 365 days from the time of purchase. If a hunting license expired December 31 every year you would be required to purchase a new license every year to apply for tags. I personally along with most hunters plan the purchase date of my hunting license to allow me to only have to purchase one every other year.

Anyone can look at the supply and demand of hunters to the number of big game tags available and realize that it is no longer feasible to keep it the way it is. Something needs to change to help with point creep, not for us, but for our kids, grandkids and future hunters that are not even born yet.

Thank you,
Ryan

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

This is completely asinine. What is the point of removing the final family hunting opportunity from Utah? If it is a revenue issue, raise the costs of the tags \$10 for residents and \$100 for non residents. If people really wanted a tag, they would drive down to the nearest store and buy in person. Maybe you should switch to ticket Master if the sales program you are using is the issue. I strongly recommend not going this route. You are making it so the resident hunters are not going to put in for this item with the exception of the lazy ones. Nevada is getting the added fee money not Utah from what I understand. This is like the latest Infrastructure bill. Not worth the time it takes to draft it. Please reconsider this issue and do not move forward with this. If anything should go draw only, it could be the multiseason tags but if that is what happens, maybe turn it into a dedicated hunter tag type. 3 yrs, 2 animals, service hours, etc...

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 13, 2021 1:21 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I don't understand why the only reason I've seen is the pressure it puts on the buying system. If it worked better and fixed any technical issues, then why not keep it first come first serve? I understand that if you do this for a year you feel that it might drive hunting interest away from the OTC tags, maybe that's the idea. I also feel if the herds are doing fine why not increase the tag numbers? I hunt an area that gets little hunting pressure. I would think it makes sense that you do it similar to the deer drawing and you apply by unit. That way those that want to put in more work in those less popular units can still hunt every year. I would just like to see more transparency, I feel the reason we have been given isn't the real story. I would like the decision to be made on the science of the carrying capacity of the herds related to tag allocation rather than the system couldn't take it so it's a drawing. Thank you for all your hard work, I realize you are probably getting a lot of grief about this. I harvest a bull this year and want others and myself to continue to have the opportunity.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 13, 2021 9:34 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed waterfowl hunting changes? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended big game season dates? Upping the available tags in private land only helps a limited number of individuals, as opposed to the public!

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations? Strongly agree

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 13, 2021 9:58 pm

Which best describes your position Somewhat agree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I have a few comments, and thank you for allowing this opportunity and medium for communication. I think it is a wonderful idea to ask for feedback in this manner.

As far as the general season elk being part of the draw system. To me this makes logical sense. I personally have no problem with how the deer draw works. There have been some years where I haven't drawn, and I'm totally OK with that. I would also like to add, that I think restricting the general season, and even Archery tags for that matter, but in restricting the number of permits available would also be a prudent option.

I know the division is doing it's best to balance opportunity and quality. As an example, this year, I spent 12 days on the north slope Archery Elk, the last 12 days of the season, which was prime "rut" time. I am 50 years old and have been hunting since I was a teenager, and I'm not a "newbie" to the sport.

This year, I spent 12 days, the last 12 days of the hunt, prime rut time and I didn't see one elk. Not one. I didn't hear one. I hunted hard from sun up to sun down, and I didn't have one opportunity to draw my bow back. This is an area I know well, and like I said, I'm not a newbie who doesn't know how to hunt, nor am I "lazy" and didn't put in the time or the miles. I did.

I was very frustrated to say the least. Over the years I have continually seen this area get over run by hunters, their ATVs and their campers and trailers, and if you don't catch the elk on the first 1 or 2 days of the season. They are gone and don't come back. I was hoping this year would be different with the added week at the end of the season. Sadly, it wasn't.

This year there was a small dusting of snow on the 3rd to last day of the hunt, and on that day in particular I put in some miles. Serious miles that day, and I cut 2 tracks, in over 10 miles of hiking.

I realize it's a general tag, and it's general season, and it's public land, with decent accessibility. Very very frustrating. 12 days, and nothing. Everyone I spoke with on the mountain, had very similar experiences.

I can assure that the "█████ dwr" was mentioned more than once in these "on the hill" discussions.

So, I'm all for doing what's "right" to make the general areas, have a little more "quality" and a little less frustration, even if it means giving up a little opportunity.

As far as the max points, and the permit distribution.

I'm all for getting it closer to a 10 year max. I know that some Elk tags are approaching 25 years. Are you kidding me?? Start putting in when you are in college, and you MIGHT draw the tag when you are old and gray like

me?

And, since you can't put in and accumulate points for elk and deer at the same time, you're pretty much assured that you're only going to be able to get ONE of these two animals in your lifetime. That's, in my opinion, pushing for a little too much quality and not enough opportunity.

I think most guys, and I know me for one, can appreciate seeing these monster animals, and of course we all want to "get one" but what it's doing, is making the mountains a circus. Because, what's happening is, that if you have a buddy that draws the San Juan Elk tag for instance, then there will be 20 "spotters" for that one tag.

Why? Because that guy waited 25 years, he really wants to get one AND, none of the other 20 spotters did get a tag, so they're all "available." So now, we have 20 guys, 20 ATVs and UTVs, numerous trailers, radios and pre season trail camera trips etc.... all from guys that don't even have a tag!!

I personally think that the division should shoot for a 10 year max. Meaning, you don't get your tag in 9 years of trying, year 10, you get it. This way, you can get in 2 "hunts of a lifetime" with deer and elk, and will still keep the quality at or near where it currently is.

I realize there are "age objectives" and winter and predator kills etc. that factor in, but the opportunity side of that equation needs to be looked at a little closer in my opinion.

So, if switching the ratio from 50-50 to 60-40 helps towards that goal, then I'm all for it.

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Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

If you do decide to have a draw for the otc elk tags then do it after the regular le and one in a life time draw so that we can find out if we want to hunt elk at the same time if that is an option (example late season muzzleloader deer tag and muzzleloader elk tag at the same time)

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Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments Draw for a OTC hunt is limiting newcomers to the sport. Also, the increased
about the proposed changes to the big max points percent does the same thing.
game hunt drawing?

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 14, 2021 9:36 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I believe strongly that 90% of the limited entry tags should go to the Max bonus point holders. Why should all these people with a few points draw tags before those that have been putting in for 20 years or more. At 90% a lucky few would still draw tags but you would be able to clear out the high points people who in my opinion are more deserving of the tags. 60% is not a big enough increase. This 50/50 has been a flaw from the beginning IMO. Thanks

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I believe the main reason for the selling out of elk permits is the multi season permits. I know it was touched upon but I think its the main problem. Obviously archery is a more difficult hunt and may take more time in the field to harvest an elk and so many archery hunters go home empty handed. The archery hunters have already been given the advantage of a longer season and unlimited permits and extended archery seasons. They have now just been given a second and third chance. There are a lot of us that only hunt with a rifle for a lot of reasons and I believe this multiseason tag is taking our permits away from us rifle only hunters. You should do a poll and see how many previously archery only guys are buying the multiseason permit vs the rifle guys buying it. From most people I have talked to its the archery hunters looking for another chance. I bought this permit should be done away with and put back to how it used to be and I believe no draw change will be needed.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I would like to offer additional comments on the proposal to move the general season elk tags into the limited draw system. The presentation for this seemed to focus mostly on the demand for Any Bull Elk tags, which is far greater than the demand for Spike Bull Elk tags. With the focus only on the Any Bull tags, it seems easier to justify moving these tags to the draw system. But let's not lump the Spike Elk tags in with the problems created by the Any Bull tags. I would propose that the Spike Bull tags be left as an over-the-counter item and that the multi-season option be removed from the Spike Bull tags. This will eliminate some of the demand for the Spike tags and I anticipate this will reduce the online pressure for applying for a Spike tag.

These general season over-the-counter Spike tags are the only option left for hunters to plan a hunt as a family or group of friends with the knowledge that you can get a tag.

I formally oppose having the Spike tags be put into the draw system due to problems mainly caused by the Any Bull tag sales. Separating the Any Bull from the Spike tag sales this year proves that most of the problem is with the Any Bull tag sales. Let's reduce some of the pressure from the Spike tag sales by eliminating the multi-season option and keep this separate from the Any Bull tag sales and keep it as an over-the-counter tag.

I have many hunting partners that feel this same way but unfortunately they are not likely to submit a formal comment. Thank you for your consideration.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I would like to see a high percent advantage to residents. All the other surrounding states do this for their residents, Utah makes it so easy for out of state people to buy our tags, I hunt multiple states and the big increase is because it's becoming harder to draw tags as a nonresident in these surrounding states, so everyone uses UT as the backup plan because you let them just buy over the counter. We as residents should have top priority and be given a high chance at tags like other states do to their residents, give the nonresidents a draw system. Second and most importantly as a hunter the multi season elk tag has been awesome, I am very successful hunter and can honestly say this tag guarantees I will kill a bull every year, and I have. That being said, many of the folks like me are doing the same and the elk herds are beginning to suffer from it. This draws so many people in to our elk hunt. Look at the tag sales in comparison to offering this multi season permit. It flat out saturates every hunting season with more people. As much as I like it, I think hunters should have to pick their weapon, it's way more fair to the animals and hunters in the big picture. I love hunting hard on public land and these multi season elk tags are already hurting our long term quality of hunting both in the experience and quality/quantity of animals. I know it's a huge increase in revenue to draw in more nonresident hunters, as well as sell these multi season permits but prove its not about the money and more about managing our public land hunting for the hunters and animals. The multi season needs to go!
Thanks for your time, Brody

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I support moving to a draw system but want to see a system where one general season tag is available, with the option to upgrade to one additional season for an extra charge. The 3 seasons in the multi season are too many and is decreasing hunt quality due to too many people afield. I do not support moving to an unlimited tag model, and would rather wait to have a better hunt experience with less people afield.

I do not support the 60/40 split for draws. The current 50/50 split is what keeps me as a hunter putting in for more tags in Utah (resident), because I always have a chance to draw. If the split starts favoring max point holders more, I will start dedicating more of my hunting budget to putting in out of state.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended big game season dates?

Would like to see youth season weapon type coincide with what weapon type is used for general season. Could extend the dates but restrict weapon type more to be consistent with other hunts going on.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU and LOA recommendations?

CWMU should not include any public land. This is unacceptable and restricts public use of the land. The "additional public permit" trade is a joke. CWMU public permits are restricted to what the operators will allow and should not be considered public benefit. The only public benefit from CWMU for trade should be access. No property with public land should be considered for renewal.

The LOA program takes away public permits simply for being a large acreage landowner and should be ended. This is a private benefit funded by public funds and goes against our entire wildlife management ideal as a country. Stop giving LOA permits

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I believe you just need to fix the technical issues surrounding the online elk permits. You have quite a bit of time to do so. This is the only tag that I am guaranteed to get. Lots of people will apply for an elk permit that would not normally do so.

I will not be able to get a deer tag next year (I will need to at least one preference point to draw in my local unit). There is a good chance I will not draw a cow elk tag. I don't like the idea of not drawing a big game tag at all. That would be very deflating and I would look to draw in other states instead.

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November 17, 2021 8:05 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

General elk anybull permits were available till 5-6pm the day went on sell. Anyone that put forth a tiny bit of effort got a permit. I logged on and bought a permit in less then5 minutes. Now making the multi season permit a draw or get rid of it all together I'd be in favor for that. General elk is the only hunt that a family can all buy a permit and go hunting together.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I understand that the division is doing this to get more data but I don't like using the hunt drawing to do it for the following reasons: 1) If a private company wants to obtain market data, they typically would have to spend money to do so. This proposal passes the cost of obtaining data to the hunters. If the division wants to gather data then they need to budget for the cost to obtain it and eliminate the \$10 application fee or reduce the permit fee by \$10 so that hunters are not the ones paying for it. 2) I believe the division has plenty of experience with the pros/cons of moving hunts from over-the-counter to a draw from the general deer changes made in the past. 3) Are we sure that the results will be accurate if we aren't including the archery permits in the draw and also have the multi-season permits muddying up the data?

At the end of the day I believe it is inevitable that the general elk hunt goes to a draw given the demand from hunters vs. the supply of elk and general elk hunting area but that should be addressed next year by the elk committee, not here.

Thanks.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 20, 2021 6:40 pm

Which best describes your position Somewhat disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Which best describes your position Somewhat agree
regarding the recommended big game
season dates?

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? I like having elk tags in a drawing. It's like a Black Friday sale at Walmart trying to get one

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates? Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended big game season dates? I think the dates are off a bit, I don't understand why the muzzleloader elk hunt is always a shorter hunt than rifle. It is already a hard hunt since every elk has already been chased to private land. It makes more sense to make the rifle hunt a 9 day hunt. Or switch the rifle and muzzleloader. Or possibly getting rid of muzzleloader elk altogether, and running two separate 5 day elk hunts.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU and LOA recommendations? Not a fan of the CWMU program. I think it started out great, but just like this video said there is a lot of money and time into that land to make it great country for wildlife. It also has very little hunting pressure. Which is the main problem! The animals don't stay on the public land, so it creates less opportunity for the public hunter. I see the public tax dollars going toward managing the public's wildlife while the CWMU operators create huge profits off the public animals for a few hundred tags. Also, I don't understand why CWMUs have there own season dates that are longer. again, keeping the hunting pressure down on the private land. Creating less oprtunity for the public land hunter.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 21, 2021 5:05 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments I do not want to see any bull or spike tags put into a draw at all. Thanks
about the proposed changes to the big
game hunt drawing?

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I have hunted spike elk for almost 25 years, my kids are just now to the age where they can start to hunt spikes. With this option I will most likely not be able to hunt with my kids. This was the one opportunity left that would allow for that in my area.

I would like to give a possible alternate solution to the issue. I propose only allowing adults to have one big game tag per year. If an adult puts in for and draws any limited entry or general season deer, elk, once in a lifetime, any antlerless species or obtains one (gift etc.), they should not be able to purchase, draw or obtain any other big game species tag for that year. This would allow more people the opportunity to hunt at least one species. Rather than allowing some people to hunt up to 3 elk, a deer and possibly a once in a life time animal. This would force lifetime license holders to pick a deer or other species as well, but they could not have both.

Hope this makes sense, if not, please feel free to contact me.

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Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended big game season dates?

I would rather see a season start date be set permanently for each hunt, ex. October 20th for deer and never change it. Make all rifle and muzzleloader hunts 7 day and the archery hunts 21 days.

This way everyone would know what day each hunt would always start.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU and LOA recommendations?

Utah wildlife are the publics property. I don't feel like giving CWMU's an 85 /15 percent ratio for private/public tags is very fair. I would like to see at minimum 60/40 split, but 50/50 seems reasonable as they may own the land, but we own the animals. I feel that the ratios definitely need to be adjusted to be fair to the owners of the animals, we the people!